SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" As the hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup mentioned, the tender has been suspended and there has been a lot of agitation over the matter. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to look into the matter and start the work soon? May I also know whether the Hon. Minister will be pleased to see that a bridge is constructed over the Manantoddy river? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The suspension, if any, was due to the fact that there had been some representation about the selection of the site for the construction of the bridge. Finally, it has been settled. That is what the Chief Engineer now says. With regard to the bridge over the Manantoddy river, we shall consider the proposal."

Construction of a bridge to 'Niduwat Thodu' in Narath village, Chirakkal taluk.

9-30 a.m. * 1285 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the construction of a bridge to 'Niduwat Thodu' in Narath village, Madayi firka, Chirakal taluk, has been started; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) & (b) The work has not yet been taken up for execution for want of funds."

Change of policy with regard to the separation of Judiciary from the Executive.

* 1286 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any change is contemplated by the Government at present on the question of the Separation of the Executive from the Judiciary after the formation of the new Cabinet?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No change of policy is contemplated."

Expenditure incurred on the staff appointed to enforce the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947.

* 1287 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of officers appointed under the provisions of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947; and

(b) the expenses incurred in the year 1952 on that account in the State?